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SUBJECT: FRENCH PLANS FOR OUAGADOUGOU TRACKING STATION
CONVERSION TO LANDSAT

REF: (A) STATE 95202, (B) BROWN/SCHNEIDER LETTER OF
DECEMBER 24, 1975

1. MESSRS. SCHNEIDER AND GUILBAUD OF MINCOOPERATION NO
LONGER HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBJECT PROJECT, BEING
FOLLOWED BY M. MALHERBE, AT LEVEL OF MINISTER'S
CABINET, M. NARNIO AT SENIOR STAFF LEVEL AND BY M.
L'AIGLE AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN.

2. ODC/PARIS DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH M. NARNIO WHO
ADVISED THAT MINCOOPERATION HAS HAD BRIEFING FROM CNESS
SINCE MISSION COMPLETED, FROM WHICH SINGLE KEY QUESTION
WHICH EMERGED WAS MODALITY FOR CONDUCTING TRAINING. WILL
THERE BE SINGLE OR TWO CENTERS: ANGLOPHONE/FRANCOPHONE.
FRENCH EXPECT TO TAKE NO DEFINITIVE POSITION, NOTWITH-
STANDING DESIRE OF CNESS FOR EARLY RESOLUTION ON CONTI-
NUED FINANCING OF PERSONNEL AT FACILITY, UNTIL REPORT OF
OAU-DONOR MISSION IS RECEIVED. THEREAFTER, FRENCH INTE-
RESTED AGENCIES WILL MEET, ESTABLISH A COMMON SET OF
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RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE COMMUNICATED TO AID AND OTHERS.

3. RE REF B, FRENCH SEE NO PROBLEM WITH APPROACH PROPOSED
TO SHARED PARTICIPATION, BUT IT IS PREMATURE PURSUE
DISCUSSIONS FURTHER UNTIL SUBSTANCE PROPOSAL IS CLARIFIED.

4. ODC/PARIS SAW OAU-DONOR TEAM IN OUAGADOUGOU ON MARCH
13. SINCE THEN NO RPT NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT MISSION
HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE. IN FUTURE, WOULD APPRECIATE
IF REQUESTS SUCH AS REF A WERE ACCOMPANIED WITH MINIMUM
INFORMATION CONTENT REQUISITE TO DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH.
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